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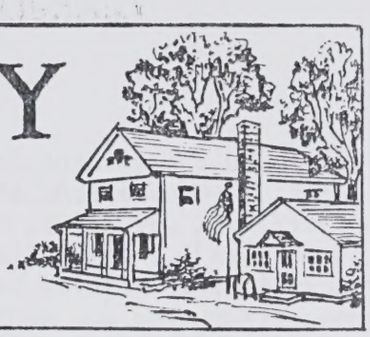

October, 1976

O U R T O W N

Halloween to Be October 31

The time and date set for Monterey trick-or-treaters this year is October 31 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Following this there will be a party for older children in the church social room and one for the younger children in the library basement.

Informal Meeting November 6 to Discuss Town Plan

The Planning Board has scheduled an informal meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 6, in the church social room to discuss with you the Town Plan.

A great deal of time, thought, money and effort has been put into the drawing up of this plan, and it could have far-reaching effects on the Town and each of its residents. We strongly urge you to join us. We will do our best to outline in detail the full meaning and importance of this plan and, in turn, will be very much interested in your reaction to it.

There are six copies of the Plan in the library for your examination. Additional copies are on sale at $5.00 each at the Monterey Store and from the Planning Board.

This is your plan for your town. Many of you have been involved in its preparation. The time has now come to look it over and see how we like it.

Paul E. Thorn, Chairman
Planning Board

The Massachusetts Bottle Bill

The Monterey Board of Selectmen are unanimous in support of a YES vote on Question 6, a law proposed by initiative petition, to be voted on at the November 2 election. The proposed act would require every beverage container sold or offered for sale in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to have a refund value of at least five cents, and would prohibit the sale of metal beverage containers with flip-tops. It would apply to containers for beer and other malt beverages and to soft drinks. It would not apply to containers for dairy products or natural fruit juices. The law would go into effect February 1, 1977.

Opponents of the bill speak of its possible adverse economic impact, both in loss of jobs and in conversion of facilities from production of disposable to production of returnable bottles.

Proponents envision a significant reduction of litter, as well as solid waste, a saving on the energy formerly used to produce throwaways and a shift in the cost of pick-up and disposal from general tax revenues to the producers and consumers of beverages.

Water Quality and Zoning

There will be a Public Hearing in mid-November (time and date to be announced) on Section 208 (Water Quality Plan) of the Federal Water Quality Act. This plan spells out procedures for water quality management. In addition to recommendations for various treatment possibilities for Monterey's lakes, the Plan will give attention to ground-water, storm drainage, land use (in respect to its effect on water quality), aquifers and watershed areas. There will be specific recommendations as to zoning law changes that will enable Monterey to protect the quality of its water in all the aspects mentioned above.

The Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission, representing about 30 towns in the Berkshires, applied for and received a grant of about $300,000 to be applied toward evaluating and making recommendations for water management in nine towns in the upper Housatonic watershed. Monterey was selected as one of the nine, thanks to the persistence of Jed Lipsky, a member of our local Planning Board, who lobbied for our town's inclusion among a roster of cities far larger, more urban and more industrialized than Monterey.

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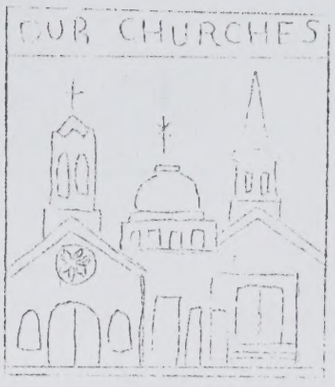

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass is at the Immaculate Conception Church in Mill River each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes — Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . . The wedding of Diane Danielson and Richardt Stormsgaard was celebrated on October 9. . . . The baptism of Julia Gail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Williams was on September 26.

Lois Rose Resigns, Accepts Leverett Pastorate — Lois Rose was called to be the pastor of the United Church of Christ in Leverett, north of Amherst. She began her duties on October 1st. A reception was held following the morning worship on September 26. She was presented with a purse as part of a statement of appreciation for her services to the Monterey Church over the past $3\frac{3}{4}$ years. The Rose family will remain at their home in Stockbridge.

Ministerial Reorganization Plan Being Presented — At the Parish Council meeting on October 12 Dr. Virgil Brallier presented a plan for fulfilling the ministerial functions of the church based upon using people already within the congregation to fill various roles. It is anticipated that a meeting of the congregation will be held to consider the plan further.

Mission Visitors — On Sunday, October 17, during the morning worship our congregation will hear the Rev. Ghulam Nasrani, a native of Pakistan. Our church, along with many other of the churches in Massachusetts, will be entertaining members of the Board of World Missions who are gathering for a meeting and historic commemoration, beginning that day in Salem. The commemoration is of the founding of the American missionary movement. The original missionaries were commissioned in Salem.

OUR TOWN (continued)

Water Quality and Zoning

Representatives of the two engineering firms employed as technical consultants by the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission will be present at the hearing to discuss the data they have compiled so far. These firms are the Center for the Environment and Man, form Hartford, and Carr Research Laboratories, from Boston. Members of the Monterey Planning Board welcome public participation and feedback at this hearing.

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES

On the evening of September 16 the Pittsfield Bicentennial Commission honored Edith L. Wilson. Miss Wilson's winning designs for the commemorative medallion, minted for the Nation's Bicentennial as celebrated in Pittsfield, were selected by jury from over 100 entries. The obverse side of the medal shows Parson Thomas Allen leading a contingent of Pittsfield area men to the Battle of Bennington from Park Square. The reverse side shows a topographical map of Berkshire County.

Mrs. Susan Francese, chairman of the Pittsfield Bicentennial Commission, presented the first two medallions struck by the Blackington Company, of Attleboro Falls, to Miss Wilson. The third silver medallion was placed in the Pittsfield time capsule which will be opened in 2076.

Mrs. Lucie Lancome resigned from the Friendly Neighborhood Committee and the Democratic Town Committee because of an existing law which prohibits Registrars from holding other elective or appointed offices.

There will be a pre-Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the church basement. It will feature handmade crafts, art and baked goods. Anyone interested in participating contact Lois Ryder, 528-2548, or Pat Andrus, 528-2044.

AS YOU LIKE IT

Recently I have found myself standing in amazement at how faithfully the universe plays back to us the image we have of it. With apologies to Shakespeare, it seems to me the universe declares to each person that he can have it "as you like it." Even in writing this statement it sounds so ridiculous that I imagine I hear peals of laughter or cries of scorn resounding all around. I hear several obvious retorts: "Can you make water flow uphill by wishing it to be so?" "Can you make the seasons reverse their order by imagining it?" That should be enough to stop me in my tracks and write not another nonsensical word about having it as you like it.

So -- let me try to sharpen what I am trying to say. There is an area in which the universe does let you have it as you like it. If you see it as "boxed in," with the physical-material aspect of the world following inexorably fixed courses of behavior, then the universe will reward you by acting exactly as you supposed it would. If you should come to see the physical-material world as having a flexible, malleable quality under the influence of "spiritual force," behold, the universe will begin to act even as you observe it to be!

At the beginning of this century scientific minds honestly believed that the essential character of the universe was already discovered and that the only remaining task for science was to refine and perfect this "basic" information. This was a comprehensible, orderly view, absolutely predictable. It was running on immutable laws, and most of these laws were understood. The only position for a reasonable person to take was to learn these laws and get in line with them.

Then came the theory of relativity, nuclear physics and the principle of indeterminacy. Now this whole, neat, predictable universe is long gone. No physicist of any stature imagines that he can begin to comprehend or "wrap his mind around" the ultimate secrets of the universe. Indeed, every discovery now opens up more and more mystery. Every advance of knowledge is not closing the gap, but rather widening the gap between what we know and what we do not know. The mind-blowing implications of this are only slowly filtering through to the larger public. Most of us are still running our lives largely on assumptions that have come to us from the beginning of the century. To put it more simply, we are living as though we are "boxed in" by the universe.

Let's try to find another way to look at this idea. It is only in the latter part of my lifetime that the word "psychosomatic"*has come into use. What does it mean? Well, it recognizes that every person is an amazing blend of psychic and bodily forces. So long as our illnesses were seen as simply something wrong in the body that needed treating, then medicine could confine itself to chemical, biological and surgical procedures. Today every knowledgeable person recognizes that psychic factors play a role in the health or illness of every cell in the body. And no one is able to put a definitive finger on the psychic dimension. It has a mind, a will, a spirit of its own, and in no two persons does it come out the same. There is a "freedom to be" in this psychic dimension that defies all efforts to box it in. Each person is an individual experiment in the life process. The indelible stamp of each one is its freedom to run its own show just a bit differently from every other experiment.

By the way, why doesn't someone ask, "What is the material this psychic dimension in in each person uses for its experimentation?" Why, so far as we can see, it is this physical-material world we inhabit. When we think of it this way, then it becomes evident that each of us is giving this physical-material stuff we use a different shape from that of every other person.

Let's look at this from another angle. My neighbor and I are preparing to build houses side by side. We go to the same building supply company. We buy almost identical materials. Yet look at what different houses we build! For the life of me, I can't understand why he put that silly little cupola on his house. And I noticed him shaking his head over my sensible effort to get more heat from the sun. True, it isn't a conventional form, but that is the way I want it. It is his business to live with his house and mine to live with mine.

Shift the scene just a bit. Now it's not our houses we are working on, but our bodies. Is it possible that our physical bodies may have some of the same malleability and possibility of variation that our houses have? By now I think the burden of proof is on the shoulders of those who feel we are all boxed in. It seems transparent to me that we are running vastly different experiments with these bodies that are so immediately responsive to every gradation of emotion or spirit we play into them.

Now for a moment let yourself go beyond your body. How about the experiment you are running in your work, your relationships, your images of what you hope for next year? But why should I build a list of experiments for you to work on? Your own are the only ones that count anyway -- at least for you. But pray, in running your experiment, have a bit of respect for mine. As you go on, I would bid you to let your mind, your psyche, your spirit do some wondering about how much freedom you have been given to have it "as you like it."

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

*psychosomatic

The weekend of October 9-11 was chosen for the annual meetings of the Gould Farm Corporation. 35 members attended the Associates' Meeting on the 9th and 25 were present at the Directors' Meeting on the 10th. Among those from out of town were Mrs. Margaret Adams, Dr. David and Dr. Jean Balderston, Dr. James Bell, Col. a Mrs. Laurence Bolvig, David Colt, Dr. Albert and Dr. Jessie Danielsen, Mrs. Christine Harris, James Hawkes, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Kennedy, Mrs. Margaret Larter, Mrs. Janet Mckee, Mrs. Joyce Morse, Mrs. Eva Pahnke, Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Pearl, Rev. and Mrs. Hampton Price, Thomas Rankin, John Silard, Mrs. Janette Wright and Mrs. Sylvia Coymer. From the Great Barrington area were Mr. and Mrs. David Barrett, Matthew Dempsey, Jr., Judge Robert Donelan and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler.

The first business on Saturday was the election of new Associates and Directors. Those whose terms had expired were re-elected. Joseph Burkholder, for the past two years head of the work program at Gould Farm, became an Associate. Mrs. Gwen Will of Stockbridge is now an Associate and also a Director. Mrs. Janet McKee, already an Associate, became a Director.

Because of the few vacancies occurring each year in the membership, a committee has been appointed to study the by-laws, looking especially toward an increase in number in the Associate and Director groups.

Reports for the year were presented by the Executive Director, Kent Smith, and the Treasurer, Edward Dunlop. Written summaries of their activities were submitted by Cory Loder, Joseph Burkholder and, in absentia, Virgil Stucker. The chairman of the committee on guest housing reported that the new building is about 70% completed and will probably soon be ready for furnishing.

A standing vote of thanks was given Dr. Virgil Brallier for his tremendous contribution as President of the Corporation for the past six years. At the next meeting of the Board of Directors, on January 29, it is expected that a new president will be elected.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

The Monterey Grange met on October 15. Deputy Maurice Brazie was present for instructions to the new officers. There was a short program on "School Theme." The youth put up an exhibit at the Great Barrington Fair. Florence Brown won 1st prize for edging on pillow cases and Eva Klein won 1st prize for her embroidered pillow cases in the Pomona level. The entries have gone on to State Grange Competition. A non-member sponsored by the Lecturer won 2nd prize for her knitted stole.

On October 6 Monterey Grange met for its regular meeting. The theme of the program was "Agriculture and it revolved around the cotton industry. Florence Brown's pillow case edging won 1st prize in the State Grange Competition and has gone on for competition in the National Grange.

The next meeting will be October 20 at 8:15 p.m. It will be New York State and Connecticut "Neighbors' Night."

Master John Lossen and Lecturer Mary Wallace will represent Monterey Grange at the annual State Session in Plymouth, Massachusetts, October 27-29.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

PHILERGIANS

Our first meeting of the fall will be Monday, October 25, 8:00 p.m., at the home of Betty Peterson. We will have a business meeting and program, "Stories of the Summer." We ask that our members come with ideas for programs for our meetings and also share some short story of their summer activities. We invite any persons of the community. Whether you would like to attend all our meetings or just one, you are welcome.

Marie Brallier
Chairman

NEW MARLBOROUGH-MONTEREY PTA

At the recent fall meeting of the PTA we decided to sponsor a used winter sports equipment exchange, the annual toy sale and a community-parent class project in each grade. The building project will be coordinated by one of our parents, Jan Braverman, from the Southern Berkshire Regional Vocational Education Department.

Cynthia Weber
President

BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts will be divided into two troops this year. The New Marlborough Scouts will meet with Irene Smith and Mary White. Monterey Scouts will be coordinated by Cynthia Weber. Cynthia needs help. Any volunteers? The Cubs' theme for November is "Rural America." Meeting times will be discussed this week, and notification of the first meeting will come through the schools.

Webelos

Claudette Callahan will coordinate Webelos this year. She is looking for a parent or an interested person to supervise the troop. She plans on soliciting specialized helpers to instruct the Scouts in various categories, such as art, athletics, geology, craftsmanship and science. During October the Webelos will be working on their Aquanaut Badges. Maryellen Brown will be working with the troop on Friday afternoons for eight weeks. They will be using the Heberts' pool for their training. The Scouts very much appreciate the donation of the Heberts' pool and of Maryellen's time and services.

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies

There are two Brownie troops in the area this year. One group will meet in Clayton with Candace Marks. The other, involving girls from the Monterey/Hartsville/Mill River area, will meet Thursday afternoons with Maureen Bradley in Monterey. There is an unusual opportunity this year for the Brownies to earn a Bicentennial Brownie patch. They have already done some work toward this patch by marching in the Memorial Day Parade, planting red, white and blue flowers in the window boxes of the Post Office and attending the Bicentennial Picnic. They will continue to work toward the Bicentennial patch throughout the fall.

Juniors

The Junior Girl Scouts are in need of a leader if there is to be a troop this year. Any interested person is encouraged to volunteer. The girls range in age from 9 to 12, but it is by no means necessary for the troop leader to be the parent of a child in this age group. Prospective leaders should call Maureen Bradley (528-0782) for details.

Cadettes

The Cadettes are looking for a leader. Gwen O'Connell is leader pro tem but if anything is going to happen this year, somebody with enthusiasm for the job had better call Gwen at 528-1564.

4-H NEWS

Monterey Roadrunners 4-H Horse Club will be starting up their new season on November 2nd at the home of Mr. Kenneth Heath at 7:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to join this club may do so at that time. More 4-H news next month.

IT'S OCTOBER

The sun is warm in the azure sky,
Blue asters nod as the winds pass by,
And here and there birds congregate
To plan their trip to some southern state,
While milkweed seeds on silken threads,
By autumn winds tossed from their beds,
Go darting, sailing, far and wide,
Like butterflies, over the countryside.
Sprite squirrels are gathering in their store
To last until spring returns once more.
The multi-color hillsides gay
Their robes must doff and cast away.
It's October!

The clear night air is growing chill;
We hear no more the whippoorwill.
The Harvest Moon is smiling down
On rustling cornstalks crisp and brown,
And somewhere, hidden from our sight,
A chirping cricket greets the night;
An owl "Hoo-Hoo's" in an old oak tree,
Another replies from over the lea,
Startling the leaves that still hang on.
Where, oh where has the summer gone?
It's October!

Eleanor Kimberley

LAKE WEED CONTROL

The Lake Management Workshop took place at Berkshire Community College September 18. Highlights included, in Panel A, The Great Weed Control Controversy.

Comments were made by the following: John Kusler, Attorney and Consultant for Water Resources Planning in several states, said we have reached a critical level of lake use nationwide. He suggested citizens become informed, then prod states to wise planning to preserve lakes for all uses,there being no one solution, but a need for a combination of methods and prohibitions.

Mario Boschetti, Environmental Bio-Engineer, Mass. Department of Environmental Quality Engineering, concluded after experiments such as: copper sulphate, blocking out a lake surface with carbon to prevent photosynthesis, laying plastic on lake bottom, that "safe" herbicides were the best method he had found. Though state appropriations are small, he worked out a 3-year herbicide program. The cost decreases each year as the weed problem diminishes.

Other methods are: 1) Fish -- the white amur; 2) Draining and freezing; 3) Harvesting -- difficult -- must remove weeds as they provide nutrients; 4) Dredging -- good, expensive; 5) Pollution control, including no-phosphate detergent use; 6) Lake contouring, eliminating shallow coves; 7) Shoreline management -- remove deciduous trees and replace with evergreens. Leaves falling in lake mulch weeds; 8) Limit motor boat use -- each weed they cut makes a new plant. They stir up the bottom, spread nutrients. High speed motors are worst. Lower limit to electric egg beater motor suggested.

Dr. Jerome Carr, Consultant for the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission, stressed the differences and complexities of lakes, a combination of physical, chemical and biological factors. In altering any, changes are caused in others. He mentioned that some weeds might become worse by freezing. Aeration he felt to be generally ineffective in New England, as lakes are not cold or deep enough.

Five things that can be done now by lake-dwellers are: 1) pulling weeds when lake is lowered; 2) removing mud where possible; 3) planning to leave evergreens and remove deciduous trees; 4) insuring a proper septic system and using only non-phosphate detergents; 5) reducing horsepower and speed of motore.

The lake will be lowered, by order of the Selectmen on October 22.

Next month we will tell you more about the above meeting and the work that the various committees in town are doing on the weed problem.

Fran Amidon
Publicity Director
Lake Garfield Association

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The following have contributed to the MONTEREY NEWS since September: Mr. Anthony Cafaro, Jean Dunning, Mrs. Claude Kimberely, Mr. & Mrs. Burton Paustian, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Sellers, Mrs. Richard Seitz and Miss Sally Gallagher.

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